



PTA Newsletter Article

March to School with a Walking School Bus

If your neighborhood hasn't tried a Walking School Bus yet, March is the perfect month to begin. Just organize the students in your neighborhood to walk together to school. Parents can take turns being the "driver." The Walking School Bus keeps students safe by keeping them together and reducing the amount of cars around the school.

To keep students safe, make sure they know walking rules and traffic hazards and encourage them to respect those conditions. Students can be safe when walking and biking to school by doing the following:

- Follow the safest routes on your school's SNAP map.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Make sure the helmet has a safety certification and that it fits properly.
- Avoid ditches and be careful around rivers and streams. During spring, run-off water can make shallow rivers and creeks faster and deeper.
- In rainfall, hold your umbrella above eye level and look up. Don't allow the umbrella to block your view of traffic and signs. Use a bright umbrella as drivers' views are likely to be distorted by the rain.

More information about SNAP, including helpful tips, is available at www.udot.utah.gov/SNAPParents.